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PATENT APPLICATION

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in re application of

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**RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

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- 1.(Amended) A heat exchanger according to claim 38,  
wherein a circumferential edge of a fuel-outflow-side opening portion of each of the plurality of holes is chamfered to form the avoiding portions.
  - 2.(Amended) A heat exchanger according to claim 38,  
wherein a spot-face is formed in a circumferential edge of a fuel-outflow-side opening portion of each of the plurality of holes to form the avoiding portions.
  - 3.(Amended) A heat exchanger according to claim 28,  
wherein a protrusion is provided on a fuel outflow side from the plurality of holes of the fuel supply plate to partition the plurality of holes to form the avoiding portions.
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  - 6.(Amended) A heat exchanger according to claim 38,  
wherein a groove is provided on a fuel outflow side from the plurality of holes of the fuel supply plate to partition the plurality of holes to form the avoiding portions.